Alberta Official Statistics

Income Support Caseload, Alberta

- Income Support (IS) provides financial benefits to individuals and families in Alberta who do not have the resources to meet their basic needs, including food, clothing, and shelter.
- The IS caseload[1] in July 2017 was 55,342 which was a decrease of 0.4% from June 2017.
- In July 2017, the IS caseload was composed of single individuals (68.1%), lone-parent families (24.5%), couples with children (4.8%) and couples without children (2.6%).
- Albertans who were expected to work (ETW) represented 62.4% of the IS caseload in July 2017. Of the ETW caseload, 9.2% were working, 52.5% were not working and 38.3% were temporarily unavailable for work.

1 A **caseload** is the number of households categorized as Expected to Work (ETW) or as having Barriers to Full Employment (BFE) during a specific reporting period. A household comprises one or more family members. People who need upgrading or training so they can get a job (Learners) may also receive Income Support but they are not included in this Alberta Official Statistic.

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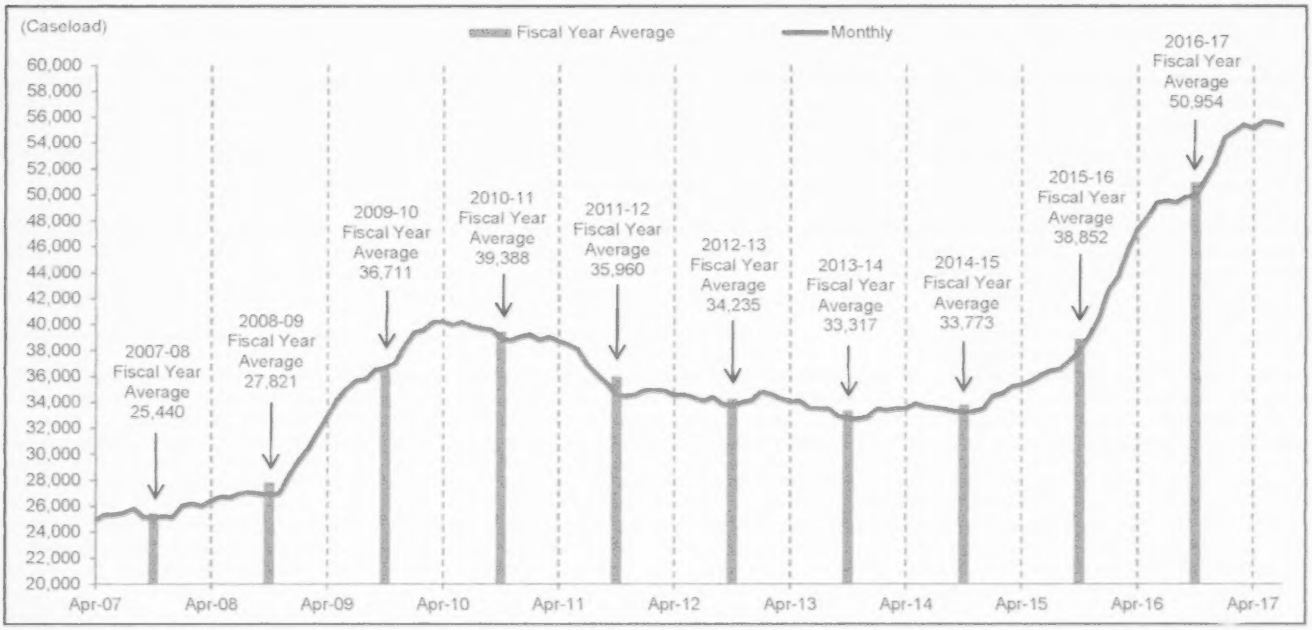

Sources: Alberta Human Services, InfoPac and Strategic Information Environment (CPS Data Mart)